THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (c) From time to time, the oil companies comes across cases of retail outlcts/LPG distributorships suspected to be involved- in benami operations. Such cases arc investigated and action Is taken against such dealerships in accordance with the dealership agreement.

Oil Marketing Companies have terminated 5 LPG distributors in Delhi which were found to be operated against the provisions of the distributorship agreement.

Pricing Policy of IBP

3200. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the IBP has decided to follow an independent pricing policy, different from those of Indian Oil Corporation;

(b) if so, to what extent Government have accepted the IBP's request for following independence in pricing policy; and

(c) the extent to which it will be beneficial for the country?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Reaction of LPG marketeers over LPG subsidy

3201. SHRI C. P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the private LPG marketeers have threatened to quit following Government's inability to implement policy regarding withdrawal of subsidy on LPG; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?